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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNCTAD SYG GAMANI COREA

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1. THE FOLLOWING FURTHER INFO HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY JACK STONE, DIRECTOR UNCTAD RESEARCH DIVISION, RELATIVE TO ROLE OF AMERICANS (AND OTHER GROUP B NATIONALS) IN UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. (STONE, D-2, IS SENIOR AMERICAN IN SECRETARIAT.)

2. STONE REPORTS THAT UNCTAD PLANS TO RELOCATE UNCTAD FINANCIAL POLICY STAFF (HEADED BY ARSENIS, D-2, A GREEK) FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA. EXACT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON WHEN SPACE OPENS UP IN GENEVA, BUT MOVE EXPECTED SECOND HALF THIS YEAR. SHORTLY THEREAFTER (MARCH 1978) STONE'S UNCTAD SECONDMENT EXPIRES. HE WILL HAVE COMPLETED 8 YEARS WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS IS THE MAXIMUM PERMISSABLE SECONDMENT UNDER US REGULATIONS. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PLANS TO USE THIS COINCIDENCE OF EVENTS AS OCCASION TO REORGANIZE RESEARCH DIVISION OUT OF EXISTENCE, PLACING PURELY RESEARCH FUNCTIONS UNDER ARSENIS, WHILE PLACING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO LEAST-DEVELOPED LDCS (WHICH IN RECENT YEARS HAS BECOME MAJOR ACTIVITY IN STONE'S SHOP) UNDER NEW SPECIAL ASSISTANT (D-1) IN COREA'S

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DIRECT OFFICE. STONE UNDERSTANDS THIS REORGANIZATION WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS ARSENIS OFFICE MOVES TO GENEVA. IF THIS HAPPENS BEFORE MARCH, 1978 (AS IS PLANNED), STONE WOULD TEMPORARILY GO INTO ABOVE MENTIONED SPECIAL ASSISTANT JOB. CONCOMITANTLY WITH THESE CHANGES, KRISHNAMURTI (INDIA, D-2) WHO HEADS MANUFACTURES DIVISION WOULD BECOME HEAD OF UNCTAD LIASON OFFICE IN NEW

YORK (AT SAME GRADE). HIS DEPUTY, STORDEL, WEST GERMANY, WOULD LIKE TO MOVE UP TO DIRECTORS JOB, BUT WHEN GERMAN AMBASSADOR MADE SUPPORTIVE DEMARCHE TO COREA ON THIS, COREA INDICATED HE FELT JOB SHOULD GO TO LATIN AMERICAN, CLAIMING LATINOS UNDERREPRESENTED IN SECRETARIAT.

3. RESULT OF ABOVE WILL BE THAT THE SENIOR US JOB IN THE SECRETARIAT, AND ONE WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELD BY AN AMERICAN, WILL DISAPPEAR, ALONG WITH PRESENT INCUMBENT. THIS, COMBINED WITH FORTH-COMING DEPARTURE OF NAT GROBY (D-1) FROM CHIEF, OF ADMINISTRATION JOB, WOULD MEAN THAT US REPRESENTATION AT SENIOR LEVELS UNCTAD BEING SEVERELY REDUCED.

4. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC REMEDY TO RECOMMEND, IN THAT REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS DESCRIBED ABOVE NOT INHERENTLY UNREASONABLE. ON OTHER HAND, BELIEVE WE SHOULD POINT OUT TO COREA THAT HIS PREDECESSORS PREBISCH AND PEREZ GUERRERO BOTH CONSULTED ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING GROUP B, IN ADVANCE ON MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL/PERSONNEL MATTERS, THUS ALLOWING US TO ADVANCE OUR IDEAS AND CANDIDATES BEFORE DECISION TAKEN. UNDER COREA'S PRESENT PRACTICES, GROUP B LEARNS ABOUT PROJECTED CHANGES OR OPENINGS ONLY THROUGH SCUTTEL BUTT, OR AFTER DECISIONS MADE AND POSITIONS FILLED. CATTO

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